

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date November 27, 2006

In re the Application of

Hirotaka OHASHI et al.

Application No.: 10/652,496

Filed: September 2, 2003

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD



Group Art Unit: 2176

Examiner: C. NGUYEN

Docket No.: 116706

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 25, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 186612 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

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